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## RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. 121

## Dear Sir:

This response addresses the Election requirement dated 11/25/02, with respect to the above-identified patent application. The Examiner asserted that the Application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- 1. Group 1, figures 1-4;
- 2. Group 2, figures 5-8;



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- 3. Group 3, figure 9;
- 4. Group 4, figure 10;
- 5. Group 5, figure 11;
- 6. Group 6, figure 12; and
- 7. Group 7, figure 13.

Applicant elects without traverse to proceed with the claims of Group I, namely, claims 1-19, 21 and 22.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this communication, he is kindly urged to call the undersigned.

It is believed that there are no additional fees due with respect to this paper. However, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper that have not been identified, permission is given to charge account number 18-0013 in the name of Rader, Fishman and Grauer PLLC.

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